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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KEIICHI IWAMURA) Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/724,089) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: December 1, 2003)
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COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND)
COMPUTER-READABLE)
MEMORY MEDIUM)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese document is enclosed. The cited Japanese document may be deemed relevant for the reasons discussed at page 2 of the specification. The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

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A copy of the above-cited application is enclosed.

FORMAL MATTERS

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It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner, and that the next official communication indicate that such information has been considered by returning an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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